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# At the Court at St. JAMES's,

The 22th of *September*, 1714.

PRESENT,

The Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

*HIS Majeſty, being this Day Preſent in Council, was Pleaſed to make the following Declaration,* viz.

HAving, in My Anſwers to the Addreſſes of both Houſes of Parliament, fully Expreſſed My Reſolution to Defend the Religious and Civil Rights of all My Subjects, there remains very little for Me to ſay upon this Occaſion; Yet being willing to Omit no Opportunity of giving all poſſible Aſſurances to a People, who have already Deſerved ſo well of Me, I take this Occaſion alſo to Expreſs to you My firm Purpoſe to Do all that is in My Power for the Supporting and Maintaining the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, as they are ſeverally by Law Eſtabliſht; Which I am of Opinion may be Effectually done without the leaſt Impairing the Toleration allowed by Law to Proteſtant Diſſenters, ſo Agreeable to Chriſtian Charity, and ſo Neceſſary to the Trade and Riches of this Kingdom.

The good Effects of making Property Secure are no where ſo clearly ſeen, and to ſo great a Degree, as in this Happy Kingdom; And I aſſure you there is not any among you ſhall more earneſtly Endeavour the Preſervation of it than My Self.

*Whereupon the Lords of the Council made it their humble Requeſt to His Majeſty, That this His Majeſties moſt Gracious Declaration to their Lordſhips might be made Publick. Which His Majeſty was Pleaſed to Order accordingly.*

Edward Southwell.

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